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106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1115

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the time limitation on benefits for immunosuppressive drugs under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1999

Mr. CANADY of Florida (for himself, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. COYNE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. FROST, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. JENKINS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUINN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. REGULA, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SHOWS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STARK, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. WOLF, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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the time limitation on benefits for immunosuppressive drugs under the Medicare Program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage Extension Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMITATION ON MEDICARE BENEFITS FOR IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2)(J) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(J)) is amended by striking ", but only" and all that follows up to the semicolon at the end.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to drugs furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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